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The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We will be posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

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Gov. Eric Holcomb extends stay-at-home order until April 21

The stay-at-home order originally extended to April 7. That date was pushed back to April 21.

Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the

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City council approves use of EDIT funds for RFL program

Deadline for businesses to apply for Grow Wabash County's loan fund is Wednesday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday's Wabash City Council Meeting, which was held online over Zoom, an ordinance to use \$100,000 of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) funds to be used for Grow Wabash County's Revolving Loan

Fund (RLF) program was approved unanimously.

Mayor Scott Long said the money would be used for local businesses to "get them through the hump" of the current COVID-19 crisis.

Long said the loan committee was established by Grow Wabash County and the city will have the final say.

Douglas C. Lehman, city attorney, said the city doesn't want to get involved in the monitoring of the payments, just provide funds.

Long said they would be running personal and business credit checks through Crossroads Bank.

"They have offered to do that for Grow Wabash County," he said.

Keith Gillenwater, CEO of Grow Wabash County, said the loans will be unsecured

and the credit checks would be conducted through the normal revolving loan fund process.

"We are banking on the good character of folks that we loan to," he said.

The council then approved the ordinance unanimously before suspending the rules to waive the second reading.

"We want to get the money out as soon as possible," said Long.

Long said nine people have

shown interest in these loans so far.

Details of ordinance and loan terms

According to the ordinance, the use of the EDIT funds was necessitated by Gov. Eric Holcomb's executive orders declaring a public health emergency exists and limiting the activities of not

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Visit Wabash County announces extreme triathlon

Organizers making plans to adapt given COVID-19 concerns at this time

By ROB BURGESS
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Visit Wabash County and the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride committee have announced the launch of an extreme triathlon, DAM(N)!MAN!, according to Whitney Millspaugh, marketing and brand manager for Visit Wabash County.

"2020 will mark the inaugural year for this event to be organized professionally and open to the public for registration," stated Millspaugh.

DAM(N)!MAN! (D!M!) will take place on the same day as the Wabash County Dam to Dam Century Ride and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route.

Additionally, triathletes who participate in the D!M! will start the day

with a 3.1-mile swim and end the event with a 31-mile run.

The DAM(N)!MAN! Triathlon and Wabash County Dam to Dam Century Ride will take place on Sunday, Sept. 13. The biking event will celebrate its 11th year.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Christine Flohr, Visit Wabash County executive director, addressed concerns over COVID-19.

"We are working closely with health officials to ensure that we can adapt how the event is executed if need be," stated Flohr. "With cycling being encouraged since it is easy to follow social distancing mandates, we know people are grateful to have this event to train for and look forward to."

"What differentiates this triathlon from others like an Ironman is the increased distance of each leg of the event," stated Millspaugh. "A typical long-distance triathlon course consists of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride, and a 26.2-mile (marathon) run.

D!M! appeals to a set of triathletes that are looking to conquer their next-level adventure. D!M! was co-founded three years ago by a group of local ultra-athletes who wanted to leverage the Dam to Dam Bike Ride into something more challenging while taking advantage of the natural assets and landscape of Wabash County.

Registration is now open for the triathlon and the bike ride.

Millspaugh stated the DAM(N)!MAN! Xtreme Triathlon is fueled by INGUARD Health and is organized by a group of volunteers dedicated to the advancement of health and wellness opportunities throughout Wabash County.

Those interested in participating or volunteering for the event can get more information by visiting [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

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State Alzheimer's Association chapter offers virtual classes and support

Each program is led by Greater Indiana Chapter staff or volunteers

Staff REPORT

While the COVID-19 pandemic threatens the health of millions in this country and around the world, the novel coronavirus presents unique challenges for the 110,000 Hoosiers living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter is offering free virtual education programs and caregiver support groups in the coming weeks to help Indiana caregivers and their families.

"The Alzheimer's Association offers several education programs that can help those living with Alzheimer's and their families understand what to expect so they can be prepared to meet the changes ahead and live well for as long as possible. Support groups are also offered to provide family caregivers an opportunity to share their

experiences and receive support from others," stated the release.

Each virtual education program is led by Greater Indiana Chapter staff or volunteers, lasts approximately one hour and allows the audience to ask questions and engage with others going through the journey online. Virtual education programs and support groups are available online or by phone.

For a complete list of upcoming programs and support groups, or to register, visit alz.org/Indiana/helping_you.

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Food trucks may now apply to operate at highway rest areas

INDOT launches a temporary permit program to serve essential travelers

Staff REPORT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the launch of a temporary program to permit licensed food trucks to operate at rest area locations on Indiana interstate highways to provide food and beverage options for commercial truck drivers and motorists engaged in essential travel during the COVID-19 public health emergency, according to a press release.

"The program will provide needed options for truck drivers, many of whom are reporting limited availability of food and beverages options near highways across the country due to restaurants and other businesses following public health guidelines in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, including closing dining rooms and in some cases reducing hours of service," stated the release.

In accordance with the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Notice of Enforcement Discretion titled "Operation of Commercial Food Trucks in Federally Funded Interstate Highway Rest Areas", issued April 3, INDOT will temporarily permit food trucks to service rest areas and welcome centers statewide. These permits are a temporary measure taken to address needs ancillary to essential travel during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

INDOT will issue two permits for food trucks to operate between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day on a first-come, first-served basis for each of the following rest area locations:

■ Auburn NB, I-69, Mile Marker 325.

■ Batesville Welcome Center, I-74, Mile Marker 151.

■ Black River WC, I-64, Mile Marker 7.

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Search for a COVID-19 vaccine heats up in China, United States

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three potential COVID-19 vaccines are making fast progress in early-stage testing in volunteers in China and the U.S., but it's still a long road to prove if they'll really work.

China's CanSino Biologics is beginning the second phase of testing its vaccine candidate, China's Ministry of Science and Technology said Tuesday.

In the U.S., a shot made by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc. isn't far behind. The first person to receive that experimental vaccine last month returned to a Seattle clinic Tuesday for a second dose.

NIH infectious disease chief Dr. Anthony Fauci told The Associated Press there are "no red flags" so far and he hoped the next, larger phase of testing could

begin around June.

A third candidate, from Inovio Pharmaceuticals, began giving experimental shots for first-step safety testing last week in the U.S. and hopes to expand its studies to China.

Initial tests focus on safety, and researchers in both countries are trying out different doses of different types of shots.

But moving into the second phase is a critical step that allows vaccines to be tested in many more people to look for signs that they protect against infection.

Last week, CanSino filed a report showing it aimed to enroll 500 people in this next study, comparing two doses of the vaccine to dummy shots.

Looking ahead, Fauci said if the new coronavirus continues to circulate widely enough over the summer and fall, it might be possible to finish larger studies

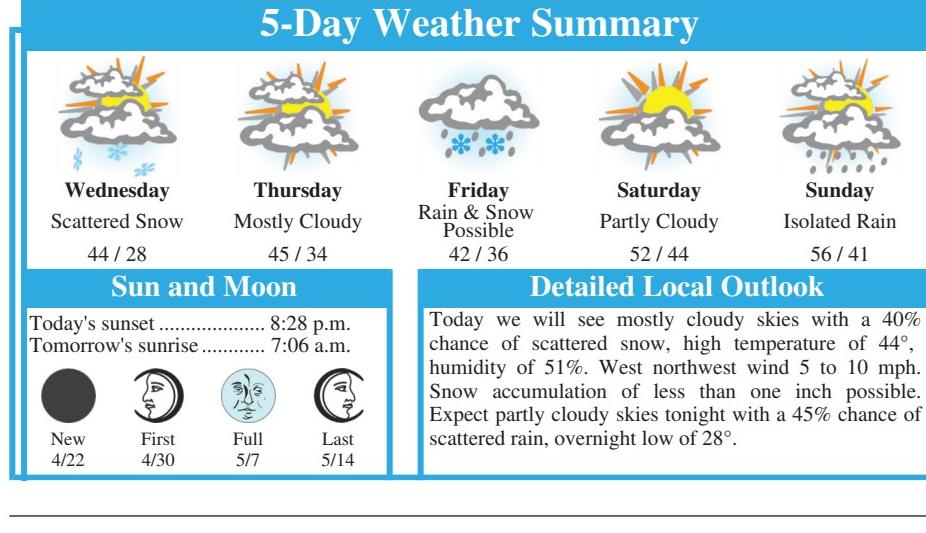
slightly sooner than the 12 to 18 months he'd originally predicted — maybe toward "mid to late winter of next season."

"Please let me say this caveat: That is assuming that it's effective. See, that's the big 'if,'" Fauci stressed. "It's got to be effective and it's got to be safe."

During a news conference in China, authorities also cautioned that the studies must be done properly.

"Although we are in an emergency, we cannot lower the standards of safety and effectiveness in the reviews of vaccines," said Wang Junzhi, a Chinese biopharmaceutical expert. "The public is paying huge attention."

The World Health Organization this week counted more than five dozen other vaccine candidates in earlier stages of development being pursued around the world.

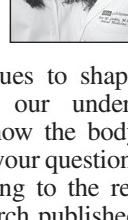


Study links gut microbiome with pulmonary arterial hypertension

DEAR DOCTOR:

It seems like gut microbes are part of every kind of health issue now. I just read that having the wrong bacteria causes pulmonary hypertension, which is something our dad had before he died. Is that really true? How can it be fixed?

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breadth and depth of the role of the gut microbiome in health and well-being. The emerging research these days is fascinating, and it continues to shape and expand our understanding of how the body functions. In your question, you're referring to the results of research published last February in the American Heart Association's journal Hypertension. According to the study, researchers found that a specific assortment of gut bacteria may not only contribute to a certain type of pulmonary hypertension, but also may be useful in predicting its onset.

Applicants looking to receive funding must fill out the preliminary application on the Grow Wabash County website as well as sign and complete two forms that confirm their business' eligibility. The application and accompanying documents will then be evaluated by the Grow Wabash County Loan committee.

More information regarding the terms and requirements for these loans as well as the necessary application and documents may be found here: <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship/revolving-loanfund/>.

Questions regarding Grow Wabash County's RLF program or the application process may be directed by email to info@growwabashcounty.com or by calling 260-563-5258.

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in the form of last tax revenues," it stated.

Loans will be limited to businesses that have a location within the corporate limits of the city.

"Since this is a program designed to keep businesses in the city of Wabash from having to close, it is determined that the most appropriate funding source is the EDIT funds, which are intended to be used to spur economic development," stated the ordinance.

According to an attachment provided by Grow Wabash County, due to limited funding available, "we will select businesses that we feel will most benefit from this funding."

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loans.

"The Rapid Response Loans will be in partnership with the city of Wabash for loans of up to \$7,500. Requests for loans greater than \$7,500 will still be accepted through our traditional Revolving Loan Fund program which was founded in the early 2000s with assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development program but will be subject to additional terms and conditions," stated Gillenwater.

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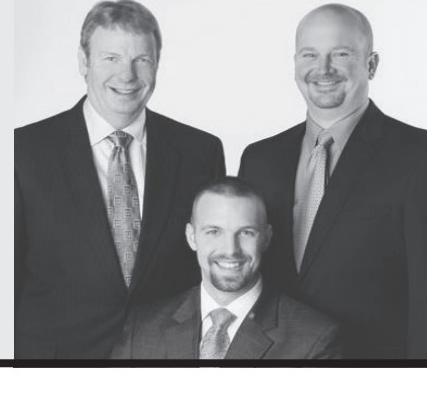
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Stocks rise as traders see hopeful signs on opening economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks moved mostly higher on Wall Street Tuesday as investors reviewed earnings reports from big companies and welcomed signs that government officials are considering how to gradually reopen the American economy.

President Donald Trump has been discussing with senior aides how to roll back federal social distancing recommendations that expire at the end of the month. And governors around the U.S. have begun collaborating on plans to reopen their economies in what is likely to be a drawn-out, step-by-step process to prevent the coronavirus from rebounding with disastrous results.

The discussions follow some signs that the outbreak may be leveling off in some of the hardest-hit areas. In Italy, Spain and other places around Europe where infections and deaths have begun stabilizing, the process of reopening the economy is already underway, with certain businesses and industries allowed to reopen in a calibrated effort aimed at balancing public health against their countries' economic well-being.

"Wall Street is encour-

aged simply by the conversation of a reopening of the economy," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist, CFRA.

The S&P 500 was up 3 percent as of 2:56 p.m. Eastern time, recovering all of its losses from a day earlier. The benchmark index surged 12 percent last week, though it remains about 16 percent below its all-time high set in February. The Dow Jones Industrial Average moved 543 points higher, or 2.3 percent, to 23,930. The Nasdaq climbed 4 percent.

Technology stocks powered much of the rally. Microsoft climbed 4.9 percent and Apple rose 5.3 percent. Johnson & Johnson climbed 4.8 percent after reporting a stronger profit for the first three months of the year than Wall Street expected. It also raised its dividend, bucking a broader trend as companies try to conserve cash.

JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo led bank stocks lower after reporting disappointing results. Both banks set aside large amounts of reserves as they girded for losses on loans going unpaid as millions of Americans became unemployed due to the virus.

Virus prompts Indiana Democrats to online state convention

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Democratic Party announced plans Tuesday to switch to a virtual state convention because of the coronavirus outbreak, and more talks are underway among political leaders about whether to make more changes to how voters cast their ballots this year.

The Democratic decision concerning the June convention comes after state Republican and Democratic party leaders agreed last month with GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb to delay Indiana's primary election from its scheduled May 5 date until June 2. All voters are also being given the option of submitting mail-in primary ballots as state officials lifted all previously required excuses.

State Democratic Chair-

man John Zody said switching to an online convention was the "safest way" to bring together the party's some 2,500 delegates. Those delegates will vote by mail-in ballots for the party's contested attorney general nomination.

The state election commission is scheduled to meet on April 22 and could

discuss adopting an entirely vote-by-mail primary. The COVID-19 illness has killed nearly 400 people in Indiana over the past month and led to a statewide stay-at-home order.

State election officials have said they still plan sites for early in-person voting in all 92 counties and to have polling locations open on the day of the primary.

Zody said Democratic and Republican leaders were discussing how to conduct the primary and that county officials need directions soon.

"We still believe that vote by mail is the safest and best option," Zody said. "But short of that we are looking at what other ways we can accommodate in-person voting."

Republican Party leaders are still planning to hold their convention in Indianapolis on June 20, party spokesman Jake Oakman said.

"However, party leadership is discussing contingency plans should we need to make changes," said Oakman, who declined to comment about possible primary election changes.

The contentious fight over holding Wisconsin's primary last week symbolized what could become a high-stakes, state-by-state legal fight over

how voters can safely cast their ballots if the coronavirus outbreak persists into the November election. Democrats are arguing for states to be ready to shift to much greater use of absentee and mailed ballots, while Republicans are raising the specter that such elections could lead to increased fraud.

The Democratic National Convention has been pushed back from mid-July until August, but Joe Biden has said an online convention might be necessary.

Holcomb said Monday he was in ongoing talks with Republican and Democratic leaders on how to proceed but didn't commit to any particular actions.

"My standard is our elections need to be safe and they need to be secure," the governor said. "We want to make sure that the steps we take set the right precedent."

Indiana has no challenged races for statewide elected offices in this year's primary although multiple candidates are seeking nominations for the congressional seats being given up by Democratic Rep. Pete Visclosky and Republican Rep. Susan Brooks. State legislative seats and county offices are also on the primary ballot.

The Democratic and Republican state delegates will decide contested races for the Indiana attorney general nominations.

Two Republicans are challenging Attorney General Curtis Hill's re-election bid as he awaits a decision from the state Supreme Court over whether he'll face disciplinary action over allegations that he drunkenly groped four women.

Both Democratic attorney general candidates — State Sen. Karen Tallian of Ogden Dunes and former Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel — said they supported their party's switch to mail-in balloting for their race. Health care business executive Woody Myers is unopposed in the primary for the party's gubernatorial nomination and is expected to pick his running mate.

Weinzapfel said steps should be taken now to modify the November election in order to protect both public health and voting rights.

"I think people are still going to be concerned about their health," Weinzapfel said. "It's going to take months of planning in order to do a vote by mail election in November, but I think we have to start taking those steps today."

PULSE

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Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

ISDH announces drive-thru COVID-19 testing

Free drive-thru testing clinics for healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers who have symptoms of COVID-19 will take place this week. Clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday, April 17 at the following locations: CK Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut St., Evansville; Ivy Tech, 3800 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne; St. Timothy Community Church, 1600 W. 25th Ave., Gary; and Ivy Tech, 8204 Hwy 311, Sellersburg. Participants should bring a driver's license or other State of Indiana-issued identification card and documentation of place of employment. Only symptomatic individuals will be tested.

Tests will be conducted as long as supplies last and will be limited to one individual per vehicle.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

BMV: Closed until at least April 21. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.

Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov.

DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through at least Saturday, April 11.

Living Well in Wabash County

The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

Manchester Community Schools

Closed through the rest of the school year.

Manchester University

Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

MSD

Closed through the rest of the school year.

The North Manchester Center for History

Temporarily to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.

North Manchester Public Library

Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

St. Bernard School

Closed through the rest of the school year.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library

Closed through April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.

Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail.

Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

Wabash City Schools

Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchster Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions)

Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department

Closed to the public, except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

Wabash County Judicial Center

Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

Wabash County Museum

Temporarily closed until further notice.

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District

Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

Woman's Clubhouse

Closed through at least May 8.

WorkOne

Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at

the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

Honeywell Center

Rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. "Finding Neverland" has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

Honeywell House

Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series "Opus Two," Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

Eagles Theatre

Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County. The road closure is scheduled to begin in mid-April but may begin at the end of April due to weather. The five-day closure will allow maintenance crews to complete the replacement of multiple culvert pipes. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained through the work. The official state detour for the closure will be Indiana 14 to Indiana 15.

The work is scheduled to be completed by April 17, weather permitting.

Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

"Dia de Lagro" will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125

per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com.

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NEImuralfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

Opinion

SPEAK UP

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

The global coronavirus crisis is poised to get much, much worse

In some places in the United States and other developed countries hit hard by Covid-19, the question is when might it become possible to start getting back to work. For much of the rest of the world, the nightmare is yet to start. And part of the horror is that many poorer countries won't have the means to do much about it. Nor, given the international community's lack of organization and leadership in the face of a global crisis, can they count on richer nations to help them.

With the exception of Iran, the countries hardest hit up till now are among those with the world's most advanced economies, scientific establishments and medical services – and even Iran has a relatively functional medical system. What probably lies ahead is the spread of the coronavirus through countries ravaged by conflict, through packed refugee camps and detention centers in places like Syria or Bangladesh, through teeming cities like Mumbai, Rio de Janeiro or Monrovia, where social distancing is impossible and government is not trusted, through countries without the fiscal capacity or health services to mount a viable response.

That would be disastrous not only for them but also for the rest of the world as supplies of raw materials are disrupted, fragile economies collapse, strongmen grow stronger and the virus doubles back to reinfect northern regions.

So far, the most vulnerable regions have reported comparatively few cases – one in Yemen, a smattering across Africa and the Middle East. But that may be partly a function of unreliable reporting or deliberate denial. The numbers are growing, and as the world has learned, they are likely to swell radically and swiftly.

A survey by the International Crisis Group said the full impact is hard to anticipate, but, "If the disease spreads in densely packed urban centers in fragile states, it may be virtually impossible to control. The dramatic economic slowdown already underway will disrupt trade flows and create unemployment that will do damage at levels that are hard to forecast and grim to contemplate."

For a sense of the scale of the plight of some developing nations, consider one of the most critical pieces of medical equipment used in treatment: the ventilator. The United States

has some 160,000 ventilators, according to one estimate. Sierra Leone has 13. South Sudan has four. Central African Republic has three. In Venezuela, where 90 percent of the hospitals already face shortages, there are only 84 intensive care unit beds for a population of 32 million, according to a report from the International Rescue Committee.

"The lesson of the crisis is that the weakest links in the global health chain are a threat to health everywhere," said David Miliband, the organization's president. "We cannot afford these weak links, and must strengthen the efforts in war-torn countries and communities to lift their life chances."

In the United States and Europe, governments and businesses have been able to pay many furloughed workers at least part of their salaries, and others are eligible for unemployment benefits. But billions of people in Africa, Latin America and South Asia have no safety net and no savings. The United Nations has warned that income loss in developing countries could exceed \$220 billion.

A version of this editorial was first published in The New York Times.

The pandemic – a government in the way

By JOHN PICKERILL

U.S. government bureaucracy prevented the private sector from containing the coronavirus in America. And now, governments in the U.S. are attempting to clean up the mistake by violating our civil rights and economic freedom.

South Korea has proven a pandemic can be contained without these totalitarian measures. According to World Health Organization data, South Korea and the U.S. both reported their first case of coronavirus about the same time, Jan. 20 and Jan. 22 respectively.

South Korea reacted quickly. According to Reuters, Korean health authorities met with 20 medical companies on Jan. 27 requesting they make an effective test kit immediately and promising the companies quick regulatory approval. One week later they approved the first company's test kit. Soon after they approved another. By the end of February, South Korea had drive-through testing centers in place and were testing thousands daily. Within seven weeks they had tested more than 270,000 and identified 8000 infections.

Then, by sharing results quickly and broadly, their people had the information they needed to voluntarily take action. Those infected self-quarantined. Those who tested negative knew they were safe to go back to work and school. "Testing is central because that leads to early detection. It minimizes further spread," said Kang Kyung-wha, South Korea's foreign minister. "And it allows health authorities to quickly treat those who have the virus. That's the key behind our very low fatality rate." Their government didn't stop their economy or shutdown the country. Since early March they have contained their outbreak and have very few new infections, with their case rate stabilized at about 200 infections per million population.

Meanwhile in the U.S., our case rate at this writing is 730 infections per million population and climbing rapidly (as of the World Health Organization report on April 4. Two months after the disease was detected, many Americans still can't get tested due to a limited supply of kits. U.S. labs only processed 352 tests in February, according to MarketWatch. On March 18, Reuters reported that only 60,000 tests had been run by public and private labs combined. The U.S. had little idea of how many were infected or where they were concentrated.

So why haven't we been able to contain the virus in the U.S.? According to investigative journalists Brett Murphy and Letitia Stein of USA Today, the responsibility lies clearly with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. First, the CDC was supposed to develop the first coronavirus test permitted in the U.S. but botched it badly. When it distributed its test kits to state labs in early February, those labs discovered the test kits were flawed and produced inconclusive results. The CDC promised to fix it quickly, but by the third week of February there was still no fix. In late February, labs were told they could now send samples to the CDC and have results within 24 hours.

"That was a bald-faced lie," said Dr. Debra Wadford, director of the public viral disease lab in California. At that point she was waiting four to five days on test results from the CDC.

Meanwhile, when public and private labs offered to help by developing their own tests, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) actually increased restrictions on them after the emergency was declared. On Feb 24, the Association for Public Laboratories pleaded with the FDA to lift restrictions on labs making their own tests. It wasn't until Feb 29 that the FDA began rolling back those restrictions. "During those lost weeks in February, federal officials missed their chance to contain the outbreak before it swept across the country, unseen," say Murphy and Stein.

Had the U.S. government simply taken South Korea's approach in January and worked with labs and medical companies instead of against them, we could have quickly ramped up testing. Individual Americans would have had the information they needed back in February to avoid spreading the coronavirus. Americans testing negative would be back to work and school already.

And now, state governments are taking a totalitarian approach, commandeering entire sectors of the economy and shutting them down, prohibiting citizens from assembling in groups or leave our homes in what feels more and more like martial law. Exercising one's religion has been suspended. Nowhere in the Constitution is government granted authority to do such things.

This remedy will be worse than the virus. Many businesses might never reopen. Over 10 million Americans filed for unemployment in March. The stock market has crashed harder than the Great Depression and taken retirement funds with it. The government's answer is a \$2 trillion "stimulus package" even though it is already \$24 trillion in debt. How will it pay for it, especially since tax revenues have fallen drastically? The Federal Reserve is printing trillions of dollars which could very well trigger hyperinflation and destruction of the dollar and bond market. The federal government is starting to take control of private businesses through the so-called National Production Act.

Again, early testing could have avoided all this. Government got in the way of that and now we're all suffering for its incompetence. The likely economic depression will have us all suffering for years to come.

John Pickerill (USN-Retired), former chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Party, is a graduate of Purdue University and the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program. He wrote this for the Indiana Policy Review Foundation.



President Trump can't reopen the country; only we can do that

Controversy over when President Trump will "reopen the country" is nothing more than another ploy to spice up his tiresome reality-show drama. Trump won't determine when it's safe again for us to mingle again at work and play. We will.

Trump said Friday that when to restart what he called "the greatest economy ever created" will be "by far the biggest decision of my life." He claimed Monday in a tweet that when to "open up the states ... is the decision of the president, for many good reasons." He pretends there is a switch and that he alone can flick it, but of course no such thing exists. This crisis is not all about him. It's all about us.

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Imagine that Trump were to unilaterally set a date certain for social distancing to end – May 1, say, or May 15, or perhaps June 1. Imagine, improbably, that all state and local officials went along. What would you do?

Would you go to the office as

if the COVID-19 pandemic had never happened, as if patients were not still fighting for breath and life in intensive care units? If you've been working from home, would going back to the office even be an option you would consider? You will recall that private companies were early to institute work-from-home policies, even before local governments issued blanket orders. Will business executives order employees back into their cubicles if the danger remains that they will infect one another, leading to further shutdowns?

Would you feel safe on a crowded bus, commuter train or subway car? What about in a carpool? How would you feel if someone in the back seat were to cough? If you work in retail, how would you interact with customers? At arm's length, wearing a mask and gloves?

Keeping the economy in an induced coma is causing great hardship, and the nation cannot remain locked down indefinitely. But we need to be sensible and realistic about how we resume our former lives and about what the new normal is likely to look like.

Ideally, we would have universal testing so we would know who has already had the virus – and thus presumably is no longer at risk – and who hasn't. Testing in this country has been spotty and inadequate, however, and Trump has said universal testing is not an option. I wonder if some large companies might eventually begin to take matters into their own hands, offering tests to their own employees – assuming quick, reliable tests become widely available – and taking temperatures at the door.

There is no way the resumption

of economic activity could begin everywhere at once. States such as Washington and California, where authorities issued stay-at-home orders early and apparently succeeded in "bending the curve" of infections and hospitalizations, might be able to start lifting their lockdowns sooner rather than later. New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) said Monday that "the worst is over" in his devastated state; he can at least begin thinking about a phased restart. But in much of the rest of the country, the pandemic has not yet peaked. Some regions clearly will begin flickering to life before others.

And some sectors of the economy should be able to recover faster than others. Many white-collar companies may bring some workers back into the office, perhaps on a rotating basis, their workstations properly spaced out, while other employees continue to work from home. But workers in hotels, restaurants, nail salons and barbershops can't do their jobs without being at their workplaces, some of which require close proximity with their customers.

Trump says he wants to be a "cheerleader" for the country, and there's an obvious political reason he wants the economy brought back to life as soon as possible. But ultimately the decisions we make are going to decide when that happens.

There will come a time when you feel comfortable going out to dinner and a movie, or standing in an airport security line, or going to the ballpark for a baseball game. But our lives will reboot gradually, perhaps haltingly, and it doesn't matter how frantically Trump pushes the "on" button.

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Woman with new boyfriend keeps neighbor up at night

DEAR ABBY: I live in a densely populated luxury high-rise apartment building in a busy downtown neighborhood that has a diverse mix of residents. I have lived here for four years and have never really had many issues, until recently.

My next-door neighbor works in the medical field that at times has very late or early hours associated with it. I also work in a field that has odd hours, so I am empathetic. My issue is, she has a new boyfriend she is intimate with anywhere between 2 and 4 a.m. I am a light sleeper and get awakened by their sessions together. I can hear her voice and at times, jostling of furniture.

I have thought about telling the building management, but it would be obvious that the complaint would have come from me, and I don't want that. I also don't want to cause embarrassment to either of us. How can I address this delicately, without causing embarrassment, or must I suck it up and suffer? — Sleepless In Chicago

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Write your neighbor a sweet note explaining the problem and ask if there is anything she can do to muffle the sounds you are hearing. (It might be something as simple as moving her bed away from the wall or placing it against a different one.) However, if she's uncooperative, as a last resort, do discuss your problem with the building manager. I assure you, it won't be the first time he or she has heard something like this, or the last.

DEAR ABBY: I suffer from a moderate to severe case of social anxiety. I'm now in my first relationship with a partner who tends to move fast, and whose parents have recently been asking to meet me. This has caused tension in our relationship as well as in his relationship with his parents.

Because of some past experiences with previous partners, his parents have preconceived notions about me, which makes me feel all the more reluctant to meet them. I don't like feeling vulnerable, especially with people who don't know me. One counseling session with a boss, a professor, someone in authority, etc., and I'm on the verge of tears or already crying.

I know I'll have to meet his parents someday, but I don't know how to approach it. I feel overwhelmed just thinking about it. Please help. — Socially Anxious

DEAR SOCIALLY ANXIOUS: I hope you are receiving professional help for your social anxiety. You should not approach meeting your partner's parents with a negative attitude. Smile, put your best foot forward and try to make a good impression.

Keep in mind that this is not a performance review, a professor you need to give you a good grade or anyone in authority. They are parents of a son whose past judgment about partners may have been less than stellar, and of course they have concerns.

It would be nice if they thought the moon rose and set on you, but if they don't, will it affect your relationship with your partner? If the answer is yes, then he may not be mature and independent enough to be having a romance with anyone. Hold a good thought and stop hiding out.

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Robin D. Bush, LEED, AP
Coordinator, Environmental & Strategic Analysis

US Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Chicago Region

230 S. Dearborn, Suite 3280
Chicago, IL 60604

A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office. Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm on May 1, 2020 will be considered.

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Education

COVID-19-related educational resources are available

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IDOE announces at-home learning initiative

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in partnership with Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS), announced Monday a partnership to offer at-home learning experiences for K-12 students, aligned to Indiana curriculum standards. Developed with the input of educators, PBS LearningMedia offers free, Indiana standards-aligned resources contextualized for educational use. The resources include grab-and-go activities, lesson plans, interactive lessons and media that illustrate specific topics or themes, and support materials across multiple subjects. For more information and access to PBS LearningMedia, visit www.pbslearningmedia.org. To view current schedules for the grade level and subject programming, as well as correlating materials, please visit www.doe.in.gov/elearning/2020-covid-19-remote-learning. In addition, you can visit the IPBS website of the TV station nearest you. For a map of regional IPBS television stations, please visit www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/ipsbs-tv-locator-map-040320.pdf.

Educators creating face shields for medical staff

Administrators and instructors at the Heartland Career Center have been working to produce face shields for hospital and medical staff, a component of the personal protective equipment, or PPE. Anyone interested in the project may email mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us.

Access Youth Center offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center's Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St.

Indiana Farm Bureau to host agriculture education workshops for teachers

Refunds will be provided in the event the workshops are canceled

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Indiana Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, will host three educator workshops this June for Agriculture in the Classroom volunteers and any interested teachers. Ag in the Classroom is a program led by INFB which helps bring agriculture education into Indiana's schools, according to a press release.

The workshops are designed to pre-

pare educators and in-class volunteers to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture and the environment into an existing classroom curriculum. Attending a workshop allows educators to learn from local experts in agriculture and ask questions. The workshops also are designed to prepare INFB members, who volunteer in schools through the Ag in the Classroom program, to learn new activities to be included in classroom visits.

The workshop dates / locations are:

- June 1 – Beck's Hybrids, Atlanta, Indiana.
- June 2 – Ancilla College, Plymouth, Indiana.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources reported Sunday that 611 people had tested positive for the virus, and eight people had died. There have been 16,257 residents tested for the virus, and 15,646 were negative.

The latest deaths included an 82-year old woman from Wayne County with underlying health conditions, a 25-year-old man from Logan County and an 80-year-old woman from Monongalia County.

to your accounts, I know many of you may still have unmet needs," university President Jerome Gilbert said. "The Marshall University Foundation has a Student Emergency Fund to which many of our loyal alumni and supporters have generously contributed."

"It allows us to borrow money as needed to maintain things on our campuses in the case of a shortfall that might come up," Carney told The Herald-Times.

The university's largest source of revenue is tuition. The school remains in operation during the pandemic, but has stopped in-person classes for the spring and summer.

The university has also closed on-campus housing, offering students who have already paid a pro-rated refund. Only students with extraordinary circumstances can stay.

12:30 to 12:45 p.m. at Hannah Park, 775 E. Hill St., Ivy Tech back parking lot, 277 N. Thorn St., and Church, 1206 N. Cass St.

2020 Honor Student luncheon canceled

Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel its annual Honor Student Luncheon originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16. Questions regarding the event's cancellation may be directed via email to marketing@growwabashcounty.com or by calling 260-563-5258.

Ivy Tech in Wabash's Monopoly Night postponed

Ivy Tech Community College's 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night, a free event originally scheduled for April 24 at Eagle's Theatre, has been postponed. No rescheduling has yet been announced.

2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition canceled

Due to the extended closing of Wabash County school corporations until May 1 in response to COVID-19, Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel the 2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 29.

NMPL reschedules St. Paddy's Golden Egg Hunt

The free, all-ages event, now a "Summer Reading Themed Egg Hunt," has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13 at the North Manchester Public Library.

WCPL plans summer reading, 'Bash Con'

'Bash Con' is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. 'Bash Con's theme for this year is "Imagine Your Story" and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

■ June 4 – Ivy Tech, Columbus, Indiana.

Each of this year's sites will offer a different, unique experience for attendees. The cost per person, per workshop is \$30, and lunch will be provided. Each workshop also will include free teaching materials and hands-on experiences. Professional Growth Points (6 points at each site) also will be available for educators.

Registration is now open for all three workshops.

Visit www.infbureau.org/events to learn more and register to attend.

Due to current uncertainties, refunds will be provided in the event the workshops are canceled.

Trustees allow IU to borrow up to \$1 billion

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — Trustees at Indiana University have allowed school leaders to borrow up to \$1 billion to counter a potential budget shortfall due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The trustees approved the request Friday.

University spokesman Chuck Carney said that the university is in good fiscal shape, but the request offers peace of mind for the university to continue operations during difficult times.

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Wolkins: Free online learning tools available to Hoosier students, parents

Remote learning resources available from Indiana DOE

finish the school year strong, along with STEM activities, educational games, virtual tours of museums and zoos, and more.

Wolkins stated the state will continue looking for ways to help schools during the public health emergency and continue to be flexible during this unique time. For high school seniors on track to graduate, the DOE is working to ensure the students receive their diplomas.

Most schools are providing food to students in need, with many offering meals at pickup locations. Each district has a different policy, so parents should check their school district's website for specific information. For households with limited or no internet connectivity, Wolkins said the DOE's COVID-19 website also offers information on how to get low-cost or even free broadband service. Hoosiers may also contact their provider directly.

Parents and guardians in need of child care during this time can visit childcarefinder.in.gov to find options near their home or on the way to work. However, children displaying any signs of sickness should remain home until they are better.

For more information about remote learning, visit doe.in.gov/covid-19, or email DOECOVID-19@doe.in.gov with questions.

Test scores optional for IU Kokomo fall admission

Priority registration for students applying for fall 2020 admission is May 1

Staff REPORT

in fall 2021. In addition to IU Kokomo, IU Northwest in Gary and IU Southeast in New Albany will waive SAT and ACT scores for fall 2020, because of the coronavirus.

The College Board, which administers the SAT, canceled its May 2 national test date, and the ACT has postponed its April 4 national test date to June 13 as students and educators across the country practice social isolation.

Test-optimal policies allow universities to diversify their population, according to proponents, who say not all successful students test well. By only including test scores if it supplements their application, it allows students to present themselves in the best possible light.

The priority registration for students applying for fall 2020 admission to IU Kokomo is May 1.

For more information, visit iuk.edu/admissions.

Several free wireless hotspots available

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Locations that have this service include:

- 146 W. Market St., Wabash
- 438 N. Jefferson St., Huntington
- 15 S. Indiana St., Green-castle
- 2400 Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville
- 287 North 15th St., Vincennes
- 414 N. Earl Ave., Lafay-et
- 111 Commerce Drive, Franklin

To access this free Wi-Fi hotspot, users will need to join the MetroNetFree network once they are parked near the storefront. The password is MetroNet.

Marshall University announces refunds for unused time in dorms

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Marshall University students who aren't spending time in their dorms as a result of the coronavirus pandemic will receive refunds, the school announced.

Refunds are expected to be made by April 29. Students will be notified if the date changes.

Students with housing contracts but who didn't stay on campus during the online classes period will receive 37.5% of their spring semester housing charges, The Herald-Dispatch reported Sunday.

Similar refunds will be made for parking passes, recreation center fees and unused meal plans.

With classes still being taught but in a different way, tuition will not be prorated.

"Even after these adjustments

In shutdown, a glimpse of life without movie theaters

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Jennifer Page jokes that four months in, this decade is already the worst of her life.

A server at a nearby resort, she's out of work due to the pandemic. After someone tested positive at her mother's nursing home, Page moved her into a room off the dining room. Two weeks ago, her father died. The day after his memorial, she and her family went for a walk, and her 5-year-old daughter, Roxa, asked for something coveted by children for more than a century.

"She was just like, 'Mama, when this is over, can we go to the movies?'" recalled Page, 36, of Buffalo. "She went through the whole process of going to the movies. She said, 'We can get popcorn and each have our own drink and each get a candy.'"

The coronavirus pandemic is forcing Americans to journey through hardship without some of the reliable comforts of hard times. One of them is the movies. For more than a century, movie theaters have been a refuge, a communal escape, a place for popcorn-chomping-

dreaming-with-your-eyes-open transportation away from everything else.

A world without movie theaters, like the one we're temporarily inhabiting, has long been foretold. It's been predicted with every major technological advancement in media, and especially since the advent of streaming. Cinemas, so inconveniently located outside the home, are a dinosaur, analysts have said — one that's on its way out.

Now, we're getting a glimpse of life without movie theaters. Most see this as an opening for streaming services, hastening their expected takeover. But it has also brought a renewed appreciation for the pleasures of going to the movies and clarified their unique role in social life. Isolation has only illuminated the power of sitting together in the dark.

"It's one of those things you can't really appreciate something until it's taken away from you," says John Bell, president of the Tampa Theatre, a 1920s-era movie palace. "This has certainly accelerated a dystopian future look at what the landscape could look like. But I just innately believe that

humans are social creatures and, ultimately, they will want to gather again. Streaming is great, it's convenient. But it's just not the same."

Nearly a month of shelter-in-place orders have forced some to hanker for the sticky floors of cinemas like never before. Sure, those people texting a few seats over were always a nuisance and the films weren't always so great. But peruse social media lists of "What I'm going to do when this is over" and you will see countless cravings for the big screen and a tub of popcorn.

Being holed up at home has, for some, made the difference between streaming and moviegoing especially acute. Neither "Tiger King" nor the bite-sized "movies in chapters" of Quibi fill the loss of a night out at the movies. Gary Walker, a 22-year-old in San Jose, California, who's studying film at San Francisco State University, has been filling his time watching documentaries on Netflix and series on Disney Plus. But it doesn't do the trick.

"I can't wait to go back," says Walker. "I'm just a person who really likes the

social experience of going to the movies, not sitting at home watching a movie by myself. Don't get me wrong — I like doing that, too. But it's really different sitting in a theater with other people."

Theaters nationwide have shuttered indefinitely due to the pandemic, leaving about a dozen still open. Most are drive-ins, which have seen a sudden resurgence after a decades-long slide. Chains have furloughed or laid off employees, many of whom are part-time or hourly workers.

The shutdown will almost certainly lead to the permanent closure of some cinemas. Analysts say that AMC Entertainment, which presides over the nation's largest chain, is on the cusp of bankruptcy. To weather the storm, theater owners — like many other businesses — have sought federal aid through the coronavirus stimulus package.

The earliest most theaters are hoping to reopen is June. All major releases have been postponed up until mid-July.

"The ability, when this is done, to go out and enjoy something entertaining and affordable with your family and friends is going to be hugely important to the

cultural and psychological fabric of the country," says John Fithian, president of the National Organization of Theater Owners. "We want to do that," he says. "But we still need to be viable."

Moviegoing has beenwaning for two decades, a decline masked by higher ticket prices. Last year, domestic ticket sales amassed \$11.4 billion. That revenue is a big reason why all but a handful of the largest upcoming productions have postponed theatrical release rather than head to streaming. The big money is still at the box office.

No one expects, whenever theaters do reopen, that masses will stream through the doors. Distancing protocols could still be kept in place, at least at first. So long as there isn't a vaccine for COVID-19, some will be hesitant to attend crowded indoor events. Last month the analytics company EDO polled moviegoers and found 70 percent said they were likely to return to cinemas. Some 45 percent said they would wait a few weeks; 11 percent said they'd wait months.

Theaters shuttered during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, but in a more patchwork fashion. The establishment of the studio system followed in the 1920s, a period recounted by Hollywood historian William Mann in "Tinseltown: Murder, Morphine, and Madness at the Dawn of Hollywood." Mann believes this pandemic will likewise reshape the movie business.

"If out of this comes a renewed appreciation for going back to some glamour, maybe, in the movies, movie theaters will find their way," says Mann. "Movie theater chains might be wise to come out of this with a whole new way of, 'Hey, look at all we have to offer. We can make this experience really special.'"

As the pandemic continues, a larger streaming ecosystem is growing, too. Viewership is soaring. Viewing parties, a digital facsimile of communal moviegoing, are increasing. Some theaters have even themselves embraced streaming as a band-aid and set up virtual screenings online.

But none of those options — all of which come with a "pause" button — provide what many right now could use most: an escape.

Some U.S. states confront practical dilemmas on reopening economies

California governor will work with leaders from Oregon, Washington on a strategy

By ERIC TUCKER, LORI HINNANT and FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Setting the stage for a possible power struggle with President Donald Trump, governors around the U.S. began collaborating on plans Tuesday to reopen their economies in what is likely to be a drawn-out, step-by-step process to prevent the coronavirus from rebounding with disastrous results.

In Italy, Spain and other places around Europe where infections and deaths have begun stabilizing, the process is already underway, with certain businesses and industries allowed to reopen in a calibrated effort by politicians to balance public health against their countries' economic well-being.

While the crisis is far from over in the U.S., with more than 23,000 dead and about 600,000 confirmed infections by Johns Hopkins University's count, the doomsday scenarios that many were predicting just two weeks ago have not come to pass, raising hopes from coast to coast.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has joined a coalition with his West Coast counterparts in Oregon and Washington, said he would announce a detailed plan Tuesday for lifting virus restrictions, using "science to guide our decision-making and not political pressure."

A similar coalition has taken shape in the Northeast, encompassing Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

"The house is still on fire," New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said. "We still have to put the fire out" but also "make sure this doesn't reignite."

Politicians and public health authorities alike warned that an easing of the restrictions in the U.S. and Europe will have to be accompanied by widespread antibody testing to see who might be immune and ramped-up tracing of infected people's contacts with others.

Trump, who has repeatedly expressed his desire to see the U.S. reopened for business quickly, and at one point said he would like to see churches packed on Easter, insisted

Monday that he has "total" authority to decide how and when to loosen restrictions in the country — a notion at odds with the Constitution, which largely delegates such matters to the states.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, whose state has by far been America's hardest hit, ridiculed Trump's assertion Tuesday, saying: "We don't have a king in this country."

While the president has issued national social-distancing guidelines advising people stay home, it has been governors and local leaders who have instituted the tough, mandatory restrictions, such as lockdowns and the closing of schools and nonessential businesses.

The effects of such measures around the globe were made plain by the International Monetary Fund, which projected that the world economy will suffer its worst year since the Great Depression in the 1930s, shrinking by an estimated 3 percent this year.

New infections appear to have leveled off in much of Asia and Europe, including Italy, France, Spain and Germany. Even in New York — where reported coronavirus deaths topped 10,800 — there were glimmers of hope.

On Tuesday, Cuomo reported 778 deaths over the previous 24 hours but said fatalities are leveling off, and hospitalizations and the number of new patients put on ventilators are continuing to drop, showing that social distancing is working.

At the same time, he warned against complacency: "We could lose the progress we made in one week if we do it wrong."

Governors across the country echoed that sentiment, including in Michigan, where Democrat Gretchen Whitmer said, "We've got to make sure that we avoid a second wave at all costs."

"That would be devastating for our economy. So we're going to make decisions based on science and having a real strategic phase-in of our economy when it's appropriate and safe to do so," she said.

Adding a dose of caution from the White House, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious-disease expert, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the U.S. does not yet have the testing and tracing procedures needed to begin reopening the economy.

"We have to have something in place that is efficient and that we can rely on, and we're not there yet," Fauci

said.

Any easing off the social-distancing rules would have to occur on a "rolling" basis, not all at once, he said, reflecting the ways COVID-19 struck different parts of the country at different times.

Some experts say states need to train thousands of workers in contact tracing. Public health agencies from Massachusetts to San Francisco have gone on a hiring binge.

Contact-tracing smartphone apps are also under consideration in some places in the U.S. and Europe — technology that has been used in other parts of the world but has raised privacy concerns in the West.

Apple and Google, for example, are working together to develop smartphone technology that alerts people if they crossed paths with someone later found to be infected.

In other developments around the world, India extended the world's largest lockdown on its 1.3 billion people until May 3, and police with batons charged hundreds of jobless migrant workers who crowded a Mumbai railroad station to demand that special trains be run to take them to their home villages.

In Britain, with a death toll put at over 12,000, new data showed that the true number is hundreds of victims higher. And China faced a new flare-up along its remote northern border with Russia.

In parts of Italy, which has seen more than 21,000 deaths but on Tuesday reported the smallest number of new infections in a month, bookstores, stationery stores and shops selling baby supplies were allowed to open. Foresty workers, needed to clear dead trees ahead of the summer fire season, also went back to work.

In Spain, with a death toll of more than 18,000, workers returned to some factory and construction jobs this week, while stores and offices remained closed. Hardware and gardening stores reopened in Austria, but Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said he stands ready to "pull the emergency brake" if infections make a resurgence.

Worldwide, about 2 million confirmed infections have been reported and over 120,000 people have died, according to Johns Hopkins. The figures underestimate the true size of the pandemic, because of limited testing, uneven counting of the dead and concealment by some governments.

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Suifenhe is roughly 800 miles northeast of Beijing. Its markets, selling warm clothing, cellphones and daily items, usually do a thriving business with Russian visitors starved for choice on their side of the border. That trade has gone quiet in recent weeks, dimming prospects for a sparsely populated region whose residents have been migrating to major cities seeking jobs and better living standards.

Russia requires 14-day quarantines for all travelers arriving in Primorsky Krai and its regional capital Pogranichny, across the border. It has closed hotels to visitors and is requiring travelers to have a pass showing they are not carrying the virus. Russia closed its land border to travelers from China in January.

On the Chinese side, quarantines have been extended to a full month for people arriving by air in Suifenhe and in Heilongjiang's capital, Harbin. All land border crossings were halted last week.

"The Chinese Consulate again strongly reminds Chinese citizens not to summarily make trips to the border region," the consulate in the nearby Russian city of Vladivostok stated Monday.

As Wuhan and other regions get back to business, Chinese authorities say they will remain vigilant against a second wave of infections, particularly from those arriving from outside the country.

New cases of local infection in China have fallen to near zero after more than two months of strict travel bans and social distancing measures, officials say.

Suifenhe, a city of just under 70,000 that is frozen-in for much of the year, has at least 243 imported COVID-19 cases out of nearly 1,000 confirmed and suspected cases, according to official figures. More than 100 people in the area have tested positive for the virus but showed no symptoms. Recent arrivals from Russia account for nearly half of China's imported cases.

"We are facing a truly grave situation in the northeast as represented by Suifenhe," National Health Commission expert Wang Bin said Monday at a news conference. "Up to now our medical resources in the area have just not been sufficient."

China CDC said the field hospital has been supplied with negative pressure tents, nucleic acid extractors, virus detection kits, throat swab sampling tubes and thermal cyclers used to enhance segments of DNA via the polymerase chain reaction.

120 losing jobs at state boat manufacturer

SYRACUSE, Ind. (AP) — A boat manufacturer is shutting down a north-central Indiana plant, idling 120 workers.

Polaris Boats LLC said in a notice Monday to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development that it planned to immediately lay off 10% of its workforce while it prepares to

close its Syracuse plant. Additional layoffs will occur by mid-summer. The company expects to complete the shutdown between July 1 and July 14.

Some affected employees will have job opportunities at Polaris Boat's two Elkhart locations, The Journal Gazette reported.

Steven Ott, the company's vice president of human resources, cited challenges it was facing "in conjunction with the global coronavirus pandemic" as factors in the closing. The company said it would no longer produce three boat brands made at the Syracuse plant.